

App. No. 10/065,738
Amendment dated May 26, 2004
Reply to Office action of December 29, 2003

Amendment to the Specification (other than claims):

Please replace paragraph [0101] with the following amended paragraph:

[0101] With either a particle beam or energy beam, irradiating along a bias a DLC thin film fabricated under the fabrication conditions noted above enables altering the refractive index of the DLC thin film. Controlling the refractive-index modification makes it possible to utilize the DLC thin film as a polarizer. It will be appreciated that the film thus obtained is an amorphous diamond-like carbon layer.